

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the _____ railroad company of the State of Iowa, the Minnesota Valley Railroad Company of the State of Minnesota, and the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company of the State of Minnesota, are hereby authorized to construct a railroad and telegraph line from the head of Lake Superior to Sioux City in Iowa, upon the same terms and conditions in all respects as are provided in the act to which this is amendatory, approved July first, eighteen

11 hundred and sixty-two, and entitled "An act to aid in the
12 construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri
13 river to the Pacific ocean, and to secure to the government
14 the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes,"
15 and the acts amending the same: *Provided*, That the said
16 railroad company of Iowa shall con-
17 struct that portion of said road which shall extend from the
18 said Sioux City to the northern boundary line of the State of
19 Iowa; the said Minnesota Valley Railroad Company shall
20 construct that portion of said road which shall extend from
21 the northern boundary line of the State of Iowa to the city
22 of St. Paul in the State of Minnesota; and the said Lake
23 Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company shall construct
24 that portion of said road which shall extend from the city of
25 St. Paul to the head of Lake Superior: *Provided, however*,
26 That the said roads shall be so constructed that when com-
27 pleted they shall, in connection with the branch railroad to
28 Sioux City provided for in the act to which this is amendatory,
29 afford continuous railroad communication between the Union
30 Pacific Railroad and the head of Lake Superior: *Provided*,
31 *further*, That the lands already granted to the said railroad
32 companies shall be disposed of upon the terms and conditions
33 and subject to the restrictions authorized in the acts of Con-
34 gress making the said grants.